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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA- REACTION TO ROK PRESS REPORTS  
REGARDING DEFERMENT KOREAN DEBATE, OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

REF: A) SEOUL 7240; B) USUN 3649

1. ROK OBSERVER OFFICE EVIDENTLY PERPLEXED BY ROK PRESS

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REPORTS THAT ROK FOREIGN MINISTER PARK AT SEOUL AIRPORT

PRESS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 11 HAD SPOKEN TO EFFECT THAT ROKG SEEKING DEFERRAL AT GENERAL COMMITTEE STAGE OF UNGA/ KOREA DEBATE. ROK PERMANENT OBSERVER MOON WILL ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY MATTERS LATER THIS EVENING (SEPTEMBER 13) WHEN MOON ARRIVES FROM WEST COAST.

2. PURSUANT TELECON WITH DEPARTMENT, AMBASSADOR SHERER HAS ASKED MOON TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN TO PARK OVER HIS REPORTED STATEMENT ON DEFERMENT. IN ADDITION, SHERER TOLD MOON THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE HIS CONVEYING TO PARK THIS EVENING OUR REQUEST THAT PARK MAKE NO FURTHER PUBLIC STATEMENT AT PRESENT IMPLYING ROK SUPPORT FOR DEFERMENT.

3. MOON, IN RESPONDING, SPECULATED ON INSTANCES WHEN THE PRESS HAS MISHANDLED INTERVIEWS. HE SAID HE WOULD GIVE PARK THE MESSAGES CONVEYED BY SHERER AND WOULD TELEPHONE SHERER IN THE MORNING TO GIVE HIM PARK'S VIEWS.

4. WITH REGARD TACTIC DISCUSSED BY CORE GROUP ON SEPTEMBER 8 (REF B), WE UNDERSTAND THAT AUSTRALIAN AND NORWEGIAN AMBASSADORS QUITE READILY AGREED TO TAKE REQUESTED SOUNDINGS OF ASEAN AND NORDIC SENTIMENTS FOR DEFERMENT.

5. WE UNDERSTAND TOO THAT ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL SHEVCHENKO (USSR) AHD WIND THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD BE CONCERNING ITSELF WITH PSSIBILITIES OF DEFERMENT OF KOREAN QUESTION. WHEN QUESTIONED BY AN AMERICAN IN THE SECRETARIAT, SHEVCHENKO CLAIMED HE DID NOT THINK SOVIETS COULD BE INFLUENTIAL WITH NORTH KOREANS REGARDING DEFERMENT. SHEVCHENKO IMPLIED, WHEN AMERICAN REFERRED TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER PASSAGE OF DUAL RESOLUTIONS AT 30TH UNGA, THAT NORTH KOREANS VERY DIFFICULT TO SWAY ON AN ISSUE SUCH AS THIS.

6. ADDITIONALLY, SAME AMERICAN SOURCE REPORTED RUMORS IN SECRETARIAT THAT JAPANESE ACTIVE ON BEHALF DEFERMENT. (COMMENT: JUDGING FROM JAPANESE POSTURE IN CORE GROUP THESE RUMORS ARE INCORRECT. )  
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